

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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**NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PRFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES****DOCKET NO. 2021-21-C**

Application of Horry Telephone Cooperative, Incorporated for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Certain Census Blocks in Georgetown and Marion Counties for Purposes of Receiving Federal Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Phase I Support

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("HTC" or the "Company") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") an Application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") in one hundred eighty-nine eligible census blocks in sixteen (16) census block groups ("CBGs") in Georgetown County ("Proposed Service Area"), and in eighty-five (85) eligible census blocks in five (5) eligible CBGs located in Marion County (the "Proposed Service Area") in order to receive federal support under Sections 14 and 254 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") Phase I auction. The Application states HTC has authority to provide service as a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") in the area for which it is seeking ETC designation. HTC requests in the Application to be designated as an ETC in the Proposed Service Areas for which it seeks support not later than June 7, 2021. The Application states HTC was selected as the winning bidder for a total of 2,267 locations in twenty-one (21) designated CBGs in South Carolina with a total support amount of \$729,554.50. The Application was filed pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(e), the implementing rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-690, and other rules of the Commission.

A copy of the Company's application can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under **Docket No. 2021-21-C**. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from the Company's representative Margaret M. Fox, Esquire; Burr & Forman LLP, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a virtual hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **April 15, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a Party of Record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **February 25, 2021**, and indicate the amount of time required to address the Commission. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2021-21-C.*

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a Party of Record, may do so by notifying the Commission, in writing, at the address below on or before **February 25, 2021**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2021-21-C.*

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and **Docket No. 2021-21-C**.

**The rates proposed in the Company's Petition/Application are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):**

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **March 4, 2021**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **March 18, 2021**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **March 25, 2021**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **April 1, 2021**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under *Docket No. 2021-21-C*.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at **(803) 896-5100** or visit its website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov).

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